

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 18 September 2008

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Committee-II: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), Gary Gaube, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD, Robert Hamel, RN, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Rev. David F. Shire (Secretary)

Excused: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Denise Panichas

Not Present: Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil, Ellen Nelson, PhD

Staff: Valentina Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, PhD, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Stacy Pabst (Intern)

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of Project Review Committee-II meetings of 12 October 2006 and 7 August 2008 were approved as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor with none opposed (6-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Amedisys, Inc.** for a change in effective control of TLC Health Care Services, Inc., and its subsidiary Tender Loving Care Health Care Services of New England, LLC, a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 438 Broadway in Providence.

Mr. Zubiago, legal counsel to the applicant, reviewed responses to follow up questions and answered Committee's questions. Staff reviewed the 1% uncompensated care regulatory requirement for home nursing care provider agencies. The applicant agreed to the requirement

and to not discriminate against patients based on their ability to pay. The Rhode Island facility is currently accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC). ACHC was acceptable to BCBSRI which requires accreditation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed, (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, PhD